

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on January 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 216, 1/25/2017

HEARING ON SB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:54 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 32, Repeal community renewable energy project requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:58 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh21a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh21a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh21a03\)](#)

00:16:58 David Hoffman, North Western Energy (NWE)

00:20:51 Greg Dorrington, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:57 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh21a04\)](#)

00:27:10 Ella Smith, Northern Plains

00:28:40 Dan Roper, Montana Autobahn

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:22 Vice Chair Hayman

00:30:12 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:31:47 Vice Chair Hayman

00:32:03 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:32:44 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:05 Sen. Keith Regier

HEARING ON HB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:13 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 216, Require bonding for wind development.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:07 Chelsie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau

00:38:46 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

00:42:42 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:15 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest

00:48:39 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony:

00:51:22 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:49 Rep. C. Knudsen
00:52:12 Rep. Keane
00:52:32 Rep. Redfield
00:52:49 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest
00:53:18 Rep. Redfield
00:53:28 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest
00:53:56 Rep. McConnell
00:54:38 Derf Johnson, MEIC
00:54:51 Rep. McConnell
00:55:02 Derf Johnson, MEIC
00:55:09 Rep. McConnell
00:56:02 Rep. Keane
00:57:25 Rep. McConnell
00:57:56 Rep. Keane
00:58:45 Rep. Olsen
00:59:38 Derf Johnson, MEIC
01:00:12 Rep. Olsen
01:00:47 Rep. Keane
01:01:05 Rep. Olsen
01:01:23 Rep. Keane
01:01:30 Vice Chair Hayman
01:02:28 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
01:02:47 Rep. Morigeau
01:03:39 Derf Johnson, MEIC
01:04:13 Rep. Morigeau
01:04:21 Rep Bishop
01:05:07 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
01:05:34 Rep. Bishop
01:05:56 Laura Anderson, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
01:06:48 Rep. Bishop
01:07:02 Laura Anderson, DEQ
01:07:19 Vice Chair Skees
01:08:12 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
01:08:46 Vice Chair Skees

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:01 Rep. Keane

01:11:17 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:30:48

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh21aad.pdf](#))